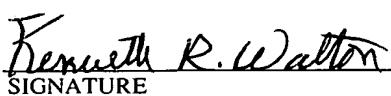


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/551564
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/GB2004/001437	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 2 April 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 4 April 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION INDOLE ACETAMIDES AS INHIBITORS OF THE HEPATITIS C VIRUS NS5B POLYMERASE		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Salvatore Avolio, Marcello Di Filippo, Steven Harper, Frank Narjes, Barbara Pacini, Marco Pompei and Michael Rowley		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371(f)]. The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)].<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached heretob. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)].10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)].		
Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Communication Accompanying Transmittal Letter DATE OF DEPOSIT 10/13/05 EXPRESS MAIL NO. EVC606127943		
<p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS EXPRESS MAIL "POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" ON THE ABOVE DATE IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450.</p>		

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The following fees are submitted:		CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee.....		\$300	\$300.00
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....		\$0	
All other situations.....		\$200	\$200.00
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Search fee [37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)] has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....		\$100	\$400.00
International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB		\$400	
All other situations.....		\$500	
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(e)].			
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE
Total Claims	9 - 20 =	0	X \$50.00
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0	X \$200.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)		+ \$360.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS (SUBTOTAL)		=	\$1,150.00
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 CFR 1.21(h)]. The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.		+ \$40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED		=	\$1,150.00
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>13-2755</u> in the amount of <u>\$1,150.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account No. <u>13-2755</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. 			
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COMMUNICATION ACCOMPANYING TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

This communication accompanies the transmittal letter for the U.S. national phase filing of International Application No. PCT/GB2004/001437 (filed April 2, 2004) under 35 U.S.C. § 371. It is believed that a copy of the International Application as filed and a copy of amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 have been communicated by the International Bureau. However, since no documentation has been found in Applicants' file confirming communication by the International Bureau and out of an abundance of caution, Boxes 5.a. and 7.a. in the transmittal letter have been checked and a copy of the International Application and the Article 19 amendments are being submitted herewith.

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